GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINORITY AFFAIRS
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Literacy Rate Among Minorities
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Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the present literacy rate among the minorities along with the breakup of male and female literacy rates and its comparison with the overall literacy rate in the country, State/UT-wise and community-wise;

(b) the schemes being implemented and the other measures taken to bridge the gap in literacy level between the general female population and minority girls in the country; and

(c) the funds sanctioned, released and utilised under such schemes during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise and community-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF MINORITY AFFAIRS
(SHRI MUKHTAR ABBAS NAQVI)

(a): As per Census 2011, the literacy rate among the minorities along with the break-up of male and female literacy rates and their comparison with the overall literacy rate in the country are detailed below:

Name of Religion Literacy rate
Person Male Female
Total 73.0 80.9 64.6
Hindu 73.3 81.7 64.3
Muslim 68.5 74.7 62.0
Christian 84.5 87.7 81.5
Sikh 75.4 80.0 70.3
Buddhist 81.3 88.3 74.0
Jain 94.9 96.8 92.9
Other religions and persuasions 59.9 70.9 49.1
Religion not stated 74.7 81.9 67.3

State/UT-wise and community-wise details of 'literacy rates' are available on the website of the Office of Registrar General and Census Commissioner of India.

(b) & (c): The details of schemes being implemented for enhancing opportunities for education of minorities, in general, and to bridge the gap in literacy level between the general female population and minority girls in the country are as under:

i. Pre-Matric Scholarship

ii. Post-Matric Scholarship

iii. Merit-cum-Means Scholarship

iv. Maulana Azad National Fellowship

v. Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) scheme for providing services through Anganwadi Centres

vi. Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and opening of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalayas

vii. 'Padho Pardesh''- Interest subsidy on educational loans for overseas studies

viii. 'Nai Udaan''- Support for students clearing Prelims conducted by UPSC, SSC, State Public Service Commissions, etc.

ix. Scheme for Providing Quality Education in Madarsas (SPQEM)

x. Scheme for Infrastructure Development of Minority Institutions (IDMI)

xi. Greater Resources for Teaching Urdu

xii. Free Coaching and Allied Scheme

xiii. Schemes of Maulana Azad Education Foundation (MAEF) for promotion of education.

xiv. Mid Day Meal Scheme

xv. Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA)

xvi. Sakshar Bharat/ Maulana Azad Taleem-e-Balighan

xvii. Jan Shikshan Sansthan (JSS)

xviii. Block Institutes of Teachers Education

xix. Women's Hostel.

The details of funds sanctioned/ released/ utilised under such schemes (in the manner collated in the Ministry) during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise and community-wise are available on the website of Ministry of Minority Affairs- www.minorityaffairs.gov.in.

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